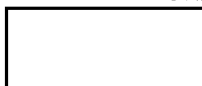


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The Director

Attached are two rewrites of
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The Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Clai:

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending along a copy of your note to the Brown Alumni Monthly of last month. I was most interested in the discussion between you and Lyman Kirkpatrick on the Bay of Pigs. I had not known of your early 1961 conversation on the matter.

With respect to the substance of your thought, Kirk's description of the primary responsibilities of the Directorate of Intelligence and the Directorate of Operations is still valid. What was wrong in the case of the Bay of Pigs was that the Directorate of Intelligence was not given the opportunity to assess the assumptions about conditions in Cuba on which the plan was based. The lesson we learned from this experience is not that the operational side of the Agency should be separated from the assessment side, but rather that the assessment side should have a greater role in the review of operational proposals. As a consequence of this experience, the Intelligence Directorate does review and comment upon the assessment of the conditions in the country concerned before the operational proposal is considered by higher authority. I believe that the existence of the responsibility for assessments and the responsibility for operations in the CIA, though in different directorates, is the best way of getting the operators to provide full information to the assessors and the assessors to feel free to express their opinions to the Director of the Agency before proposals are formalized for consideration outside the Agency.

I am sure this matter will be examined in some depth in the course of the work of the Senate Select Committee studying intelligence activities, but I thought you would be interested in my views on the subject.

Thanks again for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby
Director

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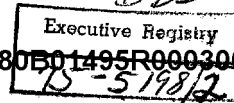
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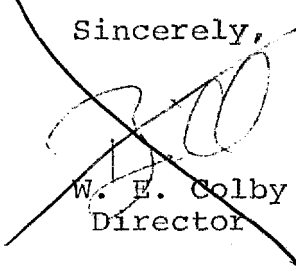
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With respect to the substance of your thought, I am sure you will be interested in the way we have tried to square the circle of separating our operational work from our intelligence work and yet having an independent assessment of operational activity. Within the Agency we handle the intelligence assessment functions separately from our operational work (which does include both collection and active operations), but our current procedures are such that any proposals for action will be called to the attention of senior intelligence assessment officers for their comment or contrary recommendation. I am sure this matter will be looked into in some depth in the course of the work of the Senate Select Committee studying intelligence activities, but I thought you would be interested in the matter in advance of its findings.

Thanks again for thinking of me.

Sincerely,


W. E. Colby
Director